

# VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 2014 - 004** 

OPEN TO: US Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) - All Agencies

POSITION: Staff Aide (Office of the Chief of Mission)

FP-5

OPENING DATE: January 10, 2014

CLOSING DATE: January 27, 2014

WORK HOURS: Full-time; 40 hours/week

(Weekend and after hours work may be required)

SALARY: Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR): USD 50,544 p.a.

(Starting salary and final grade will be determined by

Washington)

The U.S. Embassy in Manila is seeking an individual for the position of **Staff Aide** in the **Office of Chief of Mission (OCM)**.

#### **BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION**

The incumbent serves as the primary liaison between the Ambassador and Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) and the thirty sections that comprise Mission Manila. This incumbent is responsible for providing communication and operational support to the Ambassador and DCM for all Executive Office meetings and events and reports directly to the DCM.

## **QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED**

All applicants **must** address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item. Applicants who fail to do so, or who do not meet the position's required qualifications, **will not** be considered for this position.

#### **Education:**

Two (2) years of full-time post-secondary study at a college/university related to
political science, international relations, liberal arts, business, communications, or
public administration is required.

## **Experience:**

• At least three (3) years of progressively responsible experience in international relations, public relations, customer service or political science is required.

## Language:

Level 4 (Fluent) Speaking/Reading/Writing English is required.

## **Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**

- Must have advanced knowledge of Embassy operations, protocol and the roles of Embassy agencies, representatives and staff.
- Must be able to perform all duties within a fast-paced, high-pressure and highprofile work environment and be flexible in a work environment that involves constantly competing demands from officers of various ranks and sections of the Embassy as well as changing priorities, schedules and deadlines.
- Must have excellent organizational and communication (written and oral) skills as well as the ability to prioritize tasks and pay attention to detail.

**NOTE:** When appropriate, the Human Resources Office will administer necessary language and/or skills testing to confirm an applicant's qualifications.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

When fully qualified, U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (US EFMs) and U.S. Veterans will be given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate specifically address the required qualifications above in the application.

## **ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA**

- Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
- Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
- Currently employed U.S. Citizen EFMs who hold a Family Member Appointment (FMA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.
- Currently employed Not Ordinarily Resident (NORs) applicants hired under a
  Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised
  positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment unless currently
  hired into a position with a "When Actually Employed" (WAE) work schedule.
- The candidate must be able to obtain and hold a Top Secret security clearance.

#### TO APPLY

Interested candidates for this position must submit the following:

- Application for Employment as a Locally Employed Staff or Family Members (DS-174); or
- 2. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the <u>same information</u> found on the DS-174 (see Appendix B below for more information);
- 3. A combination of both; i.e. Sections 1 -24 of the DS-174 along with a listing of the applicant's work experience attached as a separate sheet; **plus**
- 4. Candidates who claim US Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application. Candidates who claim conditional US Veterans preference must submit documentation confirming eligibility for a conditional preference in hiring with their application.
- 5. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

#### **SUBMIT APPLICATION TO**

Human Resources Office Chancery Annex Building, Room 300 American Embassy Manila Telephone: (632)301-2000 ext. 5101 Fax: (632)301-2399, Attention: HR Office

E-mail: ManilaEFMEmployment@state.gov (please send as an MS Word attachment)

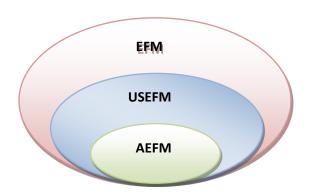
## **CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: January 27, 2014**

The U.S. Mission in the Philippines provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.

# Appendix A

#### **DEFINITIONS:**



This diagram demonstrates how an Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM) is also a US-citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM) as well as an Eligible Family Member (EFM).

**<u>Eligible Family Member (EFM):</u>** An individual related to a US Government employee in one of the following ways:

- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in <u>3 FAM 1610</u>);
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchildren and adopted children and those under legal guardianship of the employee or the spouse when such children are expected to be under such legal guardianship until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian;
- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of the employee or of the spouse, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support;
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers)
  of the employee, or of the spouse, when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on
  the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age,
  incapable of self-support.

<u>US Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM):</u> For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM who meets the following criteria:

- US Citizen; and,
- EFM (see above) at least 18 years old; and,
- Listed on the travel orders of a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member assigned to or stationed abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and either:
  - 1. Resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
  - 2. Resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.

<u>Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM):</u> EFM (see above) eligible for a Family Member Appointment for purposes of Mission employment:

- U.S. citizen; and
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in <u>3 FAM 1610</u>) or a child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; and

- Is listed on the travel orders or approved Form <u>OF-126</u>, Foreign Service Residence and Dependency Report, of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad at a U.S. mission, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), and who is under chief of mission authority; and
- Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, office of the American Institute in Taiwan.
- Does not receive a Foreign Service or Civil Service annuity

<u>Member of Household (MOH):</u> An individual who accompanies a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed at a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan. An MOH is:

- Not an EFM; and,
- Not on the travel orders of the sponsoring employee; and,
- Has been officially declared by the sponsoring USG employee to the COM as part of his/her household.

A MOH is under COM authority and may include a parent, unmarried partner, other relative or adult child who falls outside the Department's current legal and statutory definition of family member. A MOH does not have to be a US Citizen.

#### Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) – An individual who:

- Is not a citizen of the host country; and,
- Does not ordinarily reside (OR, see below) in the host country; and,
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws; and,
- Has a US Social Security Number (SSN).

NOR employees are compensated under a GS or FS salary schedule, not under the LCP.

### Ordinarily Resident (OR) – A Foreign National or US citizen who:

- Is locally resident; and,
- Has legal, permanent resident status within the host country; and,
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

EFMs without US Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including US citizens, are compensated in accordance with the Local Compensation Plan (LCP).

# Appendix B

If an applicant is submitting a resume or curriculum vitae, s/he must provide the following information equal to what is found on the UAE. Failure to do so will result in an incomplete application.

- A. Position Title
- B. Position Grade
- C. Vacancy Announcement Number (if known)
- D. Dates Available for Work
- E. First, Middle, & Last Names as well as any other names used
- F. Date and Place of Birth
- G. Current Address, Day, Evening, and Cell phone numbers
- H. U.S. Citizenship Status (Yes or No) & status of permanent U.S. Resident (Yes or No; if yes, provide number)
- I. U.S. Social Security Number and/or Identification Number
- J. Eligibility to work in the country (Yes or No)
- K. Special Accommodations the Mission needs to provide
- L. If applying for position that includes driving a U.S. Government vehicle, Driver's License Class / Type
- M. Days available to work for the U.S. Government (include their Name, Relationship, & Agency, Position, Location)
- O. U.S. Eligible Family Member and Veterans Hiring Preference
- P. Education
- Q. License, Skills, Training, Membership, & Recognition
- R. Language Skills
- S. Work Experience T. References

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